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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Why I Cannot Accept the Revised Standard Version

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THE PRINCIPAL REASON why I find it necessary to reject the Revised Standard Version is the fact that many passages, particularly in the Old Testament, have been altered for no visible reason except to get rid of the evidence for the prediction of the deity of Christ.

In about a thousand places the RSV Old Testament contains footnotes stating that the text has been changed from what we find in our Hebrew manuscripts. In two-thirds of these, evidence from versions is alleged, and even this is often extremely questionable. In one-third there is no evidence at all for the change.

It would be interesting to go through the speeches and writings of the apostles to see what was the basis on which they argued that Christ was what He claimed to be. Anyone who has never looked into this matter will be amazed to see how often they rest their argument upon the claim that the Person and Work of Christ were exactly what one might expect, if he knew what had been predicted many centuries earlier by the Old Testament writers. Whenever this argument is used in the New Testament, the RSV contains a footnote referring to the Old Testament passage involved. Yet, time after time, when one looks up the passage in the RSV Old Testament, he finds that it has been translated, by decision of the same group (for the entire RSV committee passed on all changes in either Testament), in such a way as to contradict the New Testament quotation and thus destroy the entire force of the argument for the deity and work of Christ.

Did Christ's Body See Corruption?

In Acts 2:27 the apostle Peter quotes Psalm 16:10 as proof that David had predicted the bodily resurrection of Christ. In the RSV New Testament we find the verse quoted as follows: "For thou wilt not abandon my soul to Hades, nor let thy Holy One see corruption." The same verse is quoted by

Wonderful Testimonies:

By Viola Walden, Editor's Assistant

I am sitting here with three kinds of pills on my desk—a box of Kleenex tissues on the table and a nose spray near by! But hay fever season is about over. As I sit here sniffing and blowing, I keep thinking of what I would like to say to you about sending those gift subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD during this special whirlwind "Get-Acquainted" offer. Lying all around me are letters telling of blessings received through the SWORD, this paper which has brought many a wanderer home, started revival fires burning in all parts of the land. These letters will tell you more graphically than I ever could how much good is being done by it. As you read them, ask yourself this question: "What friends of mine would be benefited by this gospel paper?"

A dear lady in Stalwart, Michigan, tells how she used the SWORD in leading her mother to the Lord: "We do thank you earnestly for the uncompromising stand . . . Last spring it was my joy and



Dr. Allan MacRea

Do You Mean Business?

Are You Sincere When You Say You Want Your Pastor to Become More Filled With the Spirit, More Concerned About Souls, More Spiritual in His Preaching?

Are You Honest When You Say You Want Your Loved Ones and Neighbors to be Saved or to Become Better Christians?

Do You Mean It When You Pray for a Revival in Your Church?

By The Editor

Lukewarm Christians say lots of things they do not mean, pray lots of prayers that are not from the heart, and deceive themselves into thinking that they want a revival more than they really do.

After earnest prayer, the editor feels led to lay it on the heart of every Christian that if you mean business in your zeal for God, you will help put THE SWORD OF THE LORD in many thousands of new homes immediately during this remarkably low subscription "Get-Acquainted" offer.

Hundreds of preachers have said

Love is the grand theme of the Bible. Hundreds of times through these divine pages we read of love. But usually it is the love of God described there. "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10).

How marvelous is that love of God! "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). Again, "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

The Bible is full of the love of God; but there, too, we find that man can love God and that those devout souls who know Him do love Him. There are many exhortations for people to love God. In truth, "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love"

(I John 4:8). David loved God and said so. How many times the saints of God in all these ages have read in the Psalms the inspired heart-cries of David and there found expressed the emotions of their own hearts! The Psalms show us the rejoicings, the repentings, the resolutions and the praises that the Holy Spirit puts in the heart and soul of a child of God in response to the problems and sins and failures and victories and blessings of this life.

"I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength," cried David. "The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."—Ps. 18:1, 2.

In Psalm 116 he cries out, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live." God's blessings compel love in every grateful heart. So David promises, "I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people" (Ps. 116:18). In Psalms 31:23 we are commanded, "O love the Lord, all ye his saints." Let us join David in

these testimonies and holy resolves to love the Lord.

Everybody ought to love the Lord. All saved persons do love the Lord. A Christian's love can be perfected in obedience. Love is largely a matter of the will and choice; we can love the Lord as we ought to.

Everybody Ought to Love the Lord

Here is the simplest and plainest axiom of human duty. If there is a God, He ought to be loved. If this God made us, body and soul, mind and spirit, then we are His, and not to love Him would be hideous rebellion. If this eternal God who made us also loves us, daily keeps us alive and pours

Preachers!

Great Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning Nov. 1-6, Durham, N. C. Free rooms for preachers. Free lunches Mon-Fri. To reserve free room, preacher, write Rev. Donald Creech, 1212 E. Main, Durham, N. C.

Why Christ Came

By the late William Edward Biederwolf

"What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?"—Matt. 22:42.

Many people today want us to believe that it makes no difference about the parentage of Christ—no difference whose son He is. But it does make a difference. They say it is not important. But it is important. They tell us, "The virgin birth is not to be accepted as an historic fact," and want us to "spend our energy on something that really matters." But it does matter. If the attack upon the miracle of His birth goes unchallenged, they will next attack the miracle of His resurrection and everything else supernatural about Him; and then they will end their attack upon His cross, and we shall be without a Christ altogether.

Son of Joseph or Son of God?

If Jesus was not conceived by the Holy Ghost, as the Bible says He was, then Mary was not a good woman; for the Bible says, in just so many words, that Joseph found Mary great with child "before they came together."

If Mary was great with child through Joseph, why did she say to the angel, "How shall this thing be, seeing I know not a man?"

If Mary was great with child through Joseph, then why did Joseph want to put her away, for he was a just man?

If Mary was great with child through Joseph, why did God have to explain to him, through an angel, how it had all come about, before he would take her back?

Back in Christ's own day His enemies said He was the son of Joseph; but they at least had sense enough or were honest enough to admit the awful charge their insinuation carried with it. Driven at last into a corner in controversy, they turned on Him and spit out their vile insinuation—this unholy charge and sacrilegious

slander that has found an echo in the heart of the so-called modernist or self-styled "intellectual ecclesiastic." They said to Him with a sneer, "We be not the sons of fornication," but Jesus, with holy indignation, resented their infamous imputation, and said, "Ye are of your father, the devil, but I proceeded forth and came from God."

"What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he?" The hardest proposition the infidel crowd has ever been up against is to answer that question. Isaiah said, "His name shall be called Wonderful" (Isa. 9:6). And there is no better name to describe Him. He is the world's one great wonder. No one else ever approached Him.



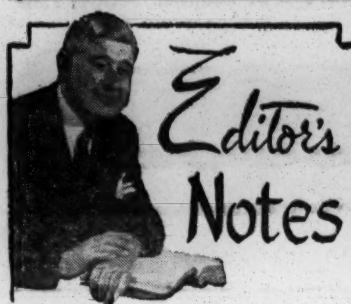
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privilege to lead my mother to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and I used the SWORD in dealing with her, particularly Spurgeon's

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We are paying off about \$8,000 in loans which have come due, money that has been used as capital investment, carrying on the work of the Sword of the Lord Foundation. As this is written we had not received that much in September in our "Investment Evangelism." We seriously need gifts of capital investment to pay off these loans. The money is to be repaid because it is needed in some cases because of sickness, buying a home, etc.

The big loans on which the Sword of the Lord Foundation is paying 4 per cent interest are a great burden to this editor. I feel that as soon as possible all of them ought to be paid off. We trust there will be some large gifts for "Investment Evangelism" before the close of the year. Gifts to the Sword of the Lord Foundation are deductible from taxable income up to 30 per cent of your total income. The work is greatly blessed of God. Remember, we will send the beautiful little two inch, jewel-like, gold-colored pin for every gift of \$5 or more to "Investment Evangelism." Address The Sword Of The Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

Spurgeon, Too, Suffered Because He Came Out and Would Not Fellowship in An Organization Including Modernists

I have just been reading again part of the four-volume autobiography of Charles H. Spurgeon, prepared by his wife, but most of the material written by Spurgeon himself. Because of the "downgrade movement" the then current term for modernism, unbelief in the virgin birth, the blood atonement, deity of Christ, infallible inspiration of the Bible, etc., Charles H. Spurgeon felt compelled to lead the Metropolitan Tabernacle in withdrawing from the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland. The council of the Baptist denomination met and voted a censure of Spurgeon and only seven men of all voted in favor of Spurgeon's noble act, so clearly taught in the Bible, in refusing to associate in religious work with unbelievers. Surprisingly enough, it seems to us now, the greatest soul winner of his time, the greatest defender of the faith and champion of Jesus Christ and the Bible, was slandered, misrepresented, and accused by his Baptist brethren, because he would not keep company with infidels pretending to be Christians! But Spurgeon came out and never went

back into the denomination which included modernists.

I know how Spurgeon felt. We have lost hundreds, and I suppose thousands of subscriptions because of our stand against yoking up with unbelievers, the lifelong conviction and stand from which we have never wavered. Dr. Graham's paid workers have systematically slandered me and THE SWORD OF THE LORD, have written thousand of letters and have written eight or ten magazine articles attacking those of us who stay true to the plain command of the Bible about yoking up with unbelievers. Such terms as "jealous," "hypocrites," "Pharisees," "lack of love," "does not want to see people saved," etc., are commonplace in discussing the stand on which the Bible is so clear, that Christians should not yoke up with unbelievers.

Well, in the same wonderful biography of Spurgeon he tells how a rich man who had helped his work—his orphans' home, his pastors' college, his mission work—withdrawed his support because Spurgeon would not go along with modernists and preached against "the downgrade movement." And Spurgeon tells how strangely God moved a Christian woman to come to see him, and give him first a hundred pounds (nearly \$500) and then again another hundred pounds, taking care of the immediate needs.

God does not leave Himself without witness. We are glad to wait on God. And whatever reproach there is to being true to Christ, we welcome it. Spurgeon's God is our God.

A Beloved Brother Writes an Apology

A kindly Christian man was for a time carried away by the propaganda for yoking up with unbelievers in revival campaigns, and so wrote this editor, rather sharply, accusingly.

Now we have his letter of September 29 in which he says:

"Some time ago I engaged in an exchange of correspondence with you regarding your public criticism of Billy Graham and afraid that I used some rather strong language to express my opinion at that time. But worse than that, I misused a God-given talent by expressing some regrettable statements about you, in the form of verse. I have felt condemnation about this for some time and now realize that I must ask your forgiveness in order to re-establish a close fellowship with the Lord. Please forgive me for permitting my carnal nature to rule me long enough to do you this great injustice. I now realize that you are absolutely right in letting the world know what Dr. Graham is doing wrong. I can now see what a great deal of damage his action is doing to the cause of Christ...."

Then our brother continues to say some very, very kind things about the editor, which we great-

Better Than a One-way Ticket

A Christian woman was once talking to a servant of Christ about the assurance of her safety in the Saviour and said, "I have taken a single ticket to Glory, and do not intend to come back." Whereupon the man of God replied: "You are going to miss a lot. I have taken a return ticket, for I am not only going to meet Christ in Glory, but I am coming back with him in power and great glory to the earth."

—Sunday School Times

ly appreciate, but proper modesty suggests that we do not print them. Then he adds, "I can't see whatever possessed me to cause me to make such derogatory remarks to and about you. But, knowing you, as I feel I do, through reading your paper, I rest assured that I do have your complete forgiveness."

We have written our brother, of course, assuring him of our complete fellowship and happiness over the restored fellowship. And little by little the real Bible believers who are willing to follow the Bible are learning what the issue is. Some Christian leaders won over by an all-expense-paid trip to New York or San Francisco, influenced by the newspapers and popular opinion, will have very red faces when things sift down and common Christians find how they have been misled. The Scripture says, "For there must be also heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you" (1 Cor. 11:19). Some Christian leaders are tossed about by every wind of doctrine. When it is popular to be against modernism, they are against modernism. When it is popular to run with modernists, call them brethren, have them lead in prayer, send inquirers to their churches, then they are "ecumenical." But to be popular with men is not necessarily to be popular with God. How much better to simply decide from the Bible what is right and then follow that! So we earnestly wish to do.

Now Is the Time to Prove Loyalty to Christ and the Bible!

Those who wish to get out the Gospel have a great opportunity now, when they may subscribe for new readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD at only \$1.00 for six months. You can be responsible for sending twenty-six issues of this magazine, more than seventy-five full-length sermons and much other rich spiritual blessing, into any home you choose.

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." So those of you who really agree with the stand for the historic Christian faith, for the emphasis on revival and soul winning in THE SWORD OF THE LORD now have a good chance to live like you talk and prove your faith by your works.

Will you send subscriptions to the resident membership of your church? To all your relatives? To the preachers in your town or state? Or select a list of people who need THE SWORD? You may send THE SWORD anywhere in the United States, or to any foreign country, or the armed services for only \$1.00 for six months (or of course \$2.00 a year). This is for new subscriptions, but if you send \$10 worth of subscriptions at one time you may include your own at this rate. Address The Sword Of The Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois, and please hurry! And what you do, do for Jesus' sake and do it now.

Don't Miss the Sword Conference at Durham, North Carolina, November 1-6

The one and only Jack Hyles, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hammond, Indiana, and Editor John R. Rice will be the principal speakers at the Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, Nov. 1-6, Sunday through Friday, at Durham, North Carolina. Bud Lyles, announcer for "Voice of Revival," will lead in wonderful music. It should be a rich, life-transforming time. Oh, for the moving of God's Spirit on all of our hearts. Preachers and Christian workers from several states should attend.



By Aunt Mary

A Chariot and Horses of Fire in a Whirlwind

You remember that Elijah walked by Elisha in the field and threw his mantle over him; Elisha left the field and followed Elijah. Now we don't know how long, but for quite a time after that Elisha went with the older prophet and watched him, helping and learning, as he went. Of course the miracles that were done were possible only in the power of God, and Elisha wanted that power. Elijah himself knew that he wasn't to live too long, and that Elisha was to take his place.

In the second chapter of II Kings we read the story of Elijah's unique trip to Heaven and Elisha's receiving the power of God.

Now the Lord let Elijah know that He was about to take him up to Heaven by a whirlwind, and the final testing of Elisha began. The older prophet took Elisha with him from Gilgal, and then said, "Tarry here, I pray thee [Wait here, please], because the Lord has sent me to Bethel." And Elisha answered, "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth [As sure as you are alive], I will not leave you." So they both went on to Bethel together.

Now at Bethel were some of the sons of the prophets, or a school of preachers. And these young prophets came out to meet Elisha to say, "Did you know that the Lord will take away your master [or boss] from your head today?" And Elisha answered, "Yes, I know it. Hold your peace [Be quiet]!"

Again Elijah said to Elisha, "Wait here. The Lord has sent me to Jericho." And Elisha repeated, "As the Lord liveth and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee." And so they came to Jericho together. A second time the sons of the prophets came to Elisha and said, "Did you know that the Lord will take away Elijah from you today?" And Elisha assured them, "Yes, I know it. Be quiet!"

The third time Elijah said to Elisha, "Tarry, I pray thee, here; for the Lord has sent me to Jordan." The younger man Elisha insisted that he would not leave him as long as the Lord remained and Elijah was still alive. So the two men went on together.

Now fifty of these young preachers, or sons of the prophets, stood a long way off watching, while these two stood by the Jordan River. And Elijah took his mantle, the mantle he had thrown over Elisha at his anointing, rolled it together and hit the water with it. And just as the water had stood up on each side in the Red Sea to help the escaping Israelites leave Egypt, just so the waters stood up to let Elijah and Elisha cross the Jordan River on dry land!

When the two prophets had crossed the river, Elijah turned to Elisha and said, "Now I am going to Heaven. What would you like me to do for you before I am taken away from you?" We know Elisha had been thinking several days about this very thing and he already knew what he wanted. His thinking was bold, his plans were bold, and his request was almost arrogant. He said, "Let a double portion of your spirit fall on me, I pray thee." He showed great faith, didn't he? He asked for extra ordinary power to serve God, and God always honors such faith.

Elijah answered, "You have asked a hard thing. If you see me when I am taken from you, you can have it. But if you do not see me go to Heaven, you will not get it."

So the two went on together, talking as they went. Suddenly there appeared a chariot and horses of fire that came between

the two prophets and Elijah went up in the chariot by a whirlwind into Heaven. Elisha was left suddenly alone. As he had seen this marvelous sight, he cried, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horses." And he saw nothing more.

Elisha, now the prophet leader, picked up Elijah's mantle from the ground where it had fallen, and went back to the Jordan River. He was ready for the first test of the promised power. He had fulfilled the conditions; now he was to prove the results. He took the mantle of Elijah, wrapped it as he had seen his master do, hit the water as Elijah had struck it and shouted, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?" And when he hit the water in faith, the water stood up on each side as it had done at the stroke of Elijah, his master! And Elisha walked back on dry land. When the fifty sons of the prophets from their far-off position saw Elisha, they said, "The power of Elijah has really fallen on Elisha!" And they came to meet him and bowed down to him.

But these prophets, seeing all that they had, and being told beforehand that Elijah was going to Heaven, still had their doubts. To Elisha they said, "There are fifty men of us. Let us all go and look for Elijah. Maybe the Lord took him and let him down on the top of some mountain or in some valley. Maybe he hasn't gone to Heaven after all!" Elisha said, "No, you must not look for him." These men were not easily dissuaded and begged and urged him till he was ashamed and finally let them search. So for three days all fifty men scoured the country looking for Elijah. Of course they couldn't find him. When they came back to Jericho to report to Elisha that Elijah had not been found, he gave that aggravating answer, "I told you so!" He said, "Did I not say unto you, 'Go not!'"

So Elisha was established as the prophet of the Lord and with the double portion of the Spirit given him began a lifetime of miracles: the healing of the spring of water; the bears called out of the woods to tear the disrespectful young people; the miracle of the increase of the widow's oil to meet their debts; the promise of the baby to the Shunammite woman and the raising of the same child from the dead; the healing of Naaman, the leper; the miraculous healing of the poisonous soup; the floating lost ax head and other miracles.

For every recorded miracle of Elijah, it seems there is a similar one by Elisha, often with some greater difficulty, and there were many miracles performed by Elisha not of a type performed by his predecessor. We read accounts in the Bible of eight major miracles by Elijah and sixteen major miracles by Elisha, a wonderful illustration of the double portion of the Spirit of God that Elijah had had.

Every Christian, even sometimes a boy or girl, needs the power of the Holy Spirit in his life to be able to serve the Lord. We have a right to ask the Lord for that filling with power which Elisha asked for in faith and received because of that faith.

—The End—

Lincoln

A blend of mirth and sadness, smiles and tears, A quaint knight-errant of the pioneers; A homely hero of the stars and sod, A peasant-prince, but masterpiece of God!



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Liberty and Catholicism

Recently I conducted a revival campaign at a church in a leading Michigan city. Shortly before my meeting, the church had issued a warning in their weekly bulletin relative to a coming city election, lamenting about the growing Catholic power in local, state and national government. A few days later the church received a telegram from the "State Fair Election Practices Commission," a special committee appointed by the Democrat governor of Michigan, "Soapy" Williams, a political liberal. The telegram said in part:

"WE REPUDIATE IN NO UNCERTAIN TERMS EVERY APPEAL WHETHER THROUGH CAMPAIGN LITERATURE OR FROM THE PLATFORM TO RACIAL AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE. A POLITICAL GROUP MAKING USE OF SUCH BIGOTTED ATTACKS HAS NO PLACE ON THE AMERICAN SCENE. ANY CANDIDATE WHO REFERS SNEERINGLY OR SLIGHTINGLY TO AN OPONENT'S RELIGION OR RACE DISQUALIFIES HIMSELF FOR A POSITION OF TRUST IN OUR GOVERNMENT."

The mayor, police chief, sheriff and other local leaders vociferously berated the church for their action.

Yet a few months before, in another Michigan city not far from this one, a Protestant pastor was speaking to his congregation on the subject of Roman Catholicism when three Roman Catholic priests and about 30 or 40 Roman Catholic laymen, including a local off-duty police lieutenant, entered the church and deliberately broke up the meeting by shouting and creating noise and confusion. The meeting had to be cancelled. Police were called but would not give any assistance or make any arrests. Later at the police station, authorities refused even to read the state statute regarding "interruption of a religious assembly" (Sec. 169). Local newspapers refused to report the incident, claiming that it had no news value.

All of this would be in line with a statement printed in *Civiltà Cattolica*, the leading Jesuit organ in the world, in its April, 1948, issue: "The Roman Catholic Church, convinced, through its divine prerogatives, of being the only true church, must demand the right of freedom for herself alone, because such a right can only be possessed by truth, never by error."

Pope Leo XIII, in his encyclical of November 1, 1885, declared: "All Catholics must make themselves felt as active elements in daily political life in the countries where they live. They must penetrate, wherever possible, in the administrations of civil affairs. All Catholics should do all in their power to cause the constitution of the states and legislation to be modeled on the principles of the true Church," by which he meant the Roman Catholic Church, of course.

Do you wonder why we are afraid of a Roman Catholic President?

Smoking Athletes

Dr. George W. Crane, who conducts "The Worry Clinic" in numerous newspapers, had a very enlightening column some weeks back in which he outlined some of the reasons why smoking hampers athletes. I want to reproduce part of it here and trust that many readers will place it into the hands of all the young people possible. Dr. Crane wrote:

"Would it be smart for [a track coach] to let his runners donate a pint of blood apiece just before their race?

"Certainly not, for the lack of a pint of red corpuscles will lower the oxygen-carrying power of the blood.

"The athletes who thus donate blood before a race would be

Friends!

By Dr. Bob Shuler
in The Methodist Challenge

I have come, thank God, to where I believe I could stand up and vote my convictions, if I were the one lonely man on my side of the question. I recall one instance when one man and one only stood up and voted with me. I confess that it is more pleasant to be with the majority than with the minority, but the joy of taking a conscientious stand and feeling that you are right is far greater than the thrill of multitudes who agree with you.

I most certainly do not compare my humble battles with those of men concerning whom I now write. But I have read of Luther who at one time was so utterly friendless that one historian speaks of him as "a lone fox, chased by the whole pack of the countryside." I cannot forget that Wesley was denied a church in which he might preach and was forced to make a platform and pulpit of his father's tombstone. He died an Episcopalian but the problem, when he died, was to find an Episcopalian clergyman who would conduct his funeral. I might tell the story of friendless John Knox and Savonarola and scores of other immortals of the centuries whose friends, if they had any, deserted or stood dumb, as Peter, who denied Christ outside Pilate's court. They

short-winded, wouldn't they?

"Well, the same thing occurs when athletes smoke. For they inhale a lot of carbon monoxide in the incomplete combustion of the tobacco and cigaret paper.

"Carbon monoxide kills the oxygen-carrying power of the red blood corpuscles.

"Oh, the corpuscles are still flowing along in the blood. But they are now 'fixed' so they cannot pick up oxygen as they pass through the lungs.

"They are thus no more helpful to the athlete than the red blood cells that he might donate by a blood transfusion.

"Heavy smoking can even produce a 10 per cent saturation of hemoglobin with dangerous carbon monoxide.

"Actually, tests have shown that only 3 per cent carbon monoxide in the blood will also reduce your acuteness of vision and your depth of perception, so eye experts warn against the hazard of tobacco for auto drivers.

"Imagine how much more dangerous the effects are on the runner or swimmer whose heart demands every bit of oxygen possible.

"You athletes are thus penalizing your hearts when you smoke (so be fair to that wonderful 'motor' of your human chassis).

"Furthermore, smoke irritates the lining of the windpipe and lungs.

"With irritation, more fluid occurs, as you may recall when you got blisters on your palms from unfamiliar hard work.

"The same excess secretion of fluid occurs in the lungs. But oxygen must pass across those lung membranes!

"If a thicker layer of fluid separates the blood capillaries from the air space of the lungs, obviously, the transfer of oxygen is slowed down.

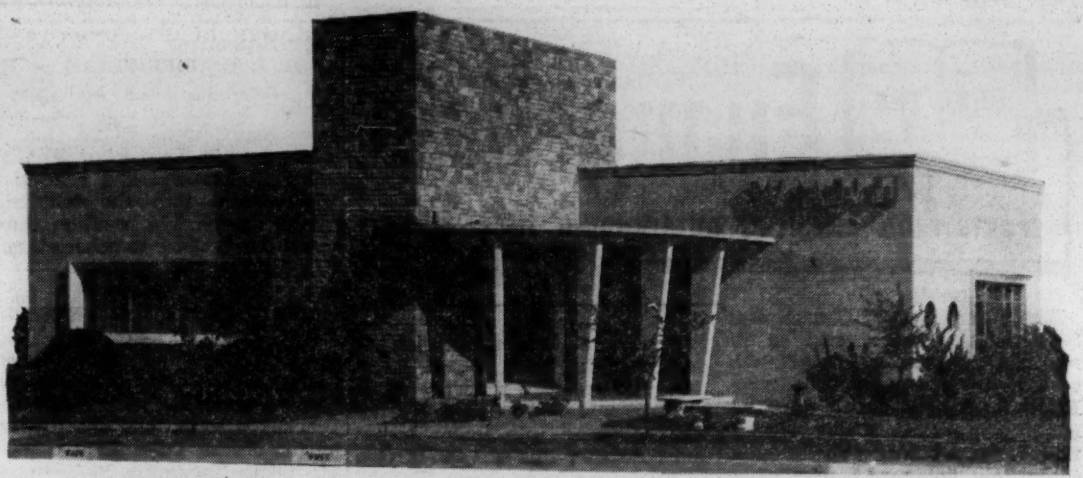
"This thickening of fluids also explains why smokers have chronic coughs until they often think they have chest tuberculosis.

"And if you are in a crisis, as during a heart attack, and your blood needs a lot of oxygen quickly, then this thicker fluid layer may even tip the scales in favor of the Grim Reaper."

The above outlines just a few more reasons why every smoker is a sucker!

Evangelist Sumner can be seen and heard:

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WMUU Completes 10 Years of Broadcasting

GREENVILLE, S. C. The Bob Jones University radio station WMUU completed its tenth year of broadcasting the Gospel September 15. The station has gained a significant place in the field of Christian broadcasting through an effective local and world-wide ministry.

For ten years, residents within a fifty-mile radius of Greenville, South Carolina, have tuned in to the "Good News Station," where

Gospel programs are presented regularly in an attractive "showcase" of good music, world-wide and local news, and public service broadcasts.

That the station fills a significant place in the Greenville listening area is evidenced by the enthusiastic mail from listeners; but in addition to providing a full local schedule, WMUU originates three fifteen-minute programs which are broadcast each week

by more than 130 other stations in the United States and eight foreign countries.

As Station Manager Jim Ryerson and his staff (all of them trained at Bob Jones University) consider past blessings and look forward to the next ten years, they cannot help but feel that God has even greater things in store for WMUU, the "Radio Voice of the World's Most Unusual University."

did not need friends so much as they needed to be right. And they were right!

Do not think that I find comfort in the fact that the early Christians hid in caves and crevices of the earth, while the church of that day hunted them down with sword and dagger. Conferences were actually unanimous in their castigation and efforts at extinction in the days that followed the bloody cross on Calvary. If the church of Christ had depended upon friendship of the ecclesiastical leaders of those times and the high authorities of the church of those days, then Christianity would have died as she was being born. The Christians of burning stakes and guillotines were despised and hated as though they were the plague. But that does not cheer my heart. I am sorry that it was so. But I am glad, so glad, that the God who led the early church to triumph still reigns. We serve a Christ who, though He wore a crown of thorns, will in the consummation wear a crown of glory.

Such are times when men need to know their own souls and to be fortified with a loyalty that is to God alone. If standing true and courageous amid the storms that now assail they can look up and go forward, it will matter little whether other men are their friends or their foes.

If friends gather about them, well and good!

If their fellow men desert them, their hearts will still be warm with purposeful resolve and they will be none the worse!

How I Ascertain the Will of God

by George Muller

Surrender Your Own Will

1. I seek at the beginning to get my heart into such a state that it has no will of its own in regard to a given matter.

Nine-tenths of the trouble with people is just here. Nine-tenths of the difficulties are overcome when our hearts are ready to do the Lord's will, whatever it may be. When one is truly in this state, it is usually but a little way to the knowledge of what His will is.

Do Not Depend On Feelings

2. Having done this, I do not leave the result to feeling or simple impression. If I do so, I make myself liable to great delusions. Seek the Spirit's will through God's Word.

Appelman Writes . . .

September 28 Hyman Appelman wrote the editor's secretary as follows:

"Dear Viola:

"Thank you very much for sending me the book of poems and particularly, above all, beyond all, the magnificent volume, *Man Sent From God*.

"Without any reservation, without any exaggeration, almost weeping as I dictate this in far-off Oklahoma City, the book was a milestone in my life. An experience that I shall never forget. I know, before God, I'm going to be an infinitely better man for having read it, a much more devoted soul winner, a better preacher.

"The book is better than well written, but, then, you can expect that from Bob Sumner. The subject, Dr. John Rice, whom I've held up as a standard before me for years, is not even slightly exaggerated in the vastness of his contribution to the cause of Jesus Christ.

"Keep on praying for me. God is very, very good.

"Yours faithfully and gratefully,
(Signed) "Hyman Appelman"

Commendations continue to come about this biography of Dr. Rice, written by Evangelist Robert L. Sumner. This 262-page book sells for \$3.50, plus postage, and may be ordered from Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.



Know God's Will Through the Word

3. I seek the will of the Spirit of God through, or in connection with, the Word of God.

The Spirit and the Word must be combined. If I look to the Spirit alone without the Word, I lay myself open to great delusions also. If the Holy Ghost guides us at all, He will do it according to the Scriptures and never contrary to them.

Note Providential Circumstances

4. Next, I take into account providential circumstances. These often plainly indicate God's will

in connection with His Word and Spirit.

Pray

5. I ask God in prayer to reveal His will to me aright.

Wait

6. Thus, through prayer to God, the study of the Word, and reflection, I come to a deliberate judgment according to the best of my ability and knowledge, and if my mind is thus at peace, and continues so after two or three more petitions, I proceed accordingly.

In trivial matters, and in transactions involving most important issues, I have found this method always effective.

Dr. Bob Jones SAYS:



Bob Jones University is a regular, standardized, liberal arts, educational institution; and it stands without apology for the old-time religion and the absolute authority of the Bible and gives a strong, evangelistic, Bible emphasis in this day of compromise. If you believe the Bible is the Word of God and do not believe the Bible just contains or may contain the Word of God, you can sincerely pray for Bob Jones University; and if you have any money the Lord has put in your hands which you would like to invest in the work of an institution that has never compromised and never intends to

compromise with religious liberalism and modernism, we will be glad to hear from you.

We are glad to tell you that this year we matriculated between 250 and 300 more students than we have ever had before, and God is with us in a wonderful way. We thank God for the prayers of faithful, uncompromising Christians in all parts of the world. Please keep praying for us, and let us hear from you. Thank you, and God bless you.

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WITH THE Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS
By the Editor

The Wasco Baptist Church near St. Charles, Illinois, had as its recent evangelist, **DON WILSON** of Lee Road and Sutton Drive, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina. Pastor Elmer E. Davis reports that there were 9 who accepted Christ for Saviour, 1 who came to rededicate his life, and 3 dedicated their lives for full-time service.

The pastor was very enthusiastic over Brother Don's ministry. Several of THE SWORD office people attended the revival and were greatly blessed also.

EVANGELIST FRANK HARPPELL of 47 Pinevale Avenue, Reading, Massachusetts, was with the Sturtevant Chapel in Keene, New Hampshire, for an eight-day campaign, closing September 27. Fourteen trusted Christ as Saviour. Pastor Edwin Meyers states also that "although Brother Har-

pell does a tremendous job at preaching the Word of God, I feel that his greatest ministry is in personal work. We had the privilege of going into many homes and observing this servant of God as he led souls to Jesus Christ."

EVANGELIST CLARENCE E. SHARER of 320 Harrison Street, Anoka, Minnesota, held a New Life Crusade under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Lake Benton, Minnesota, September 20-27. There were 12 who came forward on various invitations. Rev. Calvin Anderstrom teamed up with the evangelist to sing most of the nights of the crusade.

The Alpine Immanuel Baptist Church of Comstock Park, Michigan, had one of its former pastors as evangelist for a week of meet-

ings September 7-13, **EVANGELIST J. OSCAR WELLS** of Box 417, Bethany, Oklahoma. Pastor Frank Gouloze did not state how many were saved, but he did say, "On September 30 there were 13 baptized and a total of 17 received into the fellowship of the church. We heartily recommend our brother to other churches..."

EVANGELIST CORNELL YOUNG, P. O. Box 84, Tulsa, Oklahoma, has had pastoral experience, now in full-time evangelism. He is commended by Rev. Clifford Clark, the sound and greatly used pastor of the Tulsa Baptist Temple where Young has his membership. Brother Young, 36 years of age, has been greatly blessed as a youth speaker, is a good musician, and is now available for revivals.

The Community Church of Skellytown, Texas, had as its evangelist September 20-27, **BOB PERSSON** of 11 Winthrop Avenue, Greenville, South Carolina. Pastor Dewey Godwin writes as follows: "The Holy Spirit was with us, for we saw more than 50 rededicate themselves to reading their Bibles more, memorizing more Scripture and endeavoring to win souls to Christ. There were many who confessed their sins to Christ and gained assurance of their salvation. We had exceptionally good attendance throughout the meeting and the people packed the auditorium on the last night. It was truly a revival and there were 8 who came forward accepting Christ. I highly recommend the evangelist who preaches a sane, sound, simple Gospel that will strengthen the church as well as evangelize the community."

ASSISTANT EDITOR WALTER HANDFORD was recently with the Blanding Boulevard Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Pastor Charles Crummey reports great blessing under his ministry and says that 7 were saved, 6 joined the church for membership, with a number of rededications.

EVANGELIST ROBERT COFFEY, P. O. Box 804, Hopewell, Virginia, held a meeting September 20-26 at Westside Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia. Rev. Sam Whitfield, pastor, reports 10 rededications and 2 additions to the church, 1 of these by profession of faith.

EVANGELIST JIM WOLLENSCHLAGER of 517 Woodward Road, Birmingham 8, Alabama, concluded a one-week revival September 13 at the Gaston Evangelical Methodist Church of Gaston, North Carolina.

Pastor Leonard Allred reports "24 professions of faith, 2 family altars started, 6 rededications, and many other good decisions were made by the Christians. It is the pastor's firm conviction that this dear brother's ministry has been signally blessed of God, and he would recommend the Rev. Wolenschlager to all pastors desiring a conscientious, Spirit-led evangelist."

EVANGELIST JOHN W. RAWLINGS, P.O. Box 66, Cincinnati 15, Ohio, preached at the Westside Baptist Church, Staunton, Virginia, September 17 and 18. There were 5 professions of faith in these two nights, reports Pastor Sam Whitfield.

EVANGELIST CHARLES HIMES of 801 College Avenue, Wheaton, Illinois, was blessed in a revival at Elk Mound, Wisconsin. There were 8 conversions and 1 backslider who came forward. The pastor is Rev. Robert Thomas.

EVANGELIST BILL RICE of Bill Rice Ranch, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, conducted revival services September 16-27 in the Central Baptist Church of Panama City, Florida. There were over 25 souls who made professions of faith, some 8 additions by letter, and approximately 50 public rededications of life. Gospel singer Ellis Zehr, of Rockville, Indiana, was music leader and soloist for the campaign. Hugh F. Pyle, the pastor, heartily commends the colorful and dynamic preaching of Brother Bill Rice.

The Lord Will Provide

*In some way or other the Lord will provide.
It may not be my way, it may not be thy way,
And yet in His own way the Lord will provide.*

*At some time or other the Lord will provide.
It may not be my time, it may not be thy time,
And yet in His own time the Lord will provide.*

*Despond, then, no longer; the Lord will provide.
And this be thy token—no word He hath spoken
Was ever yet broken. The Lord will provide.*

*March on, then, right boldly; the sea shall divide;
The pathway made glorious, with shouting victorious,
We'll join in the chorus, "The Lord will provide."*

—MARY ANN W. COOK

Am I Ready?

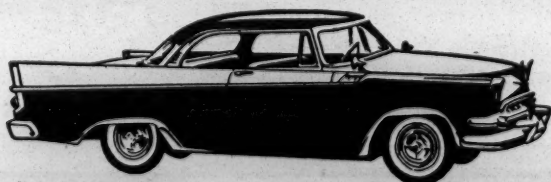
II Tim. 4:6 "I am now ready to be offered."

I Pet. 1:5 "Ready to be revealed in the last time."

O my Saviour, am I ready?
Ready to be offered up;
Ready to receive the blessing
For the ones who share the cup?
O, the fulness and the sweetness,
For the ones who in completeness,
On the altar lay their all,
Lay it down beyond recall;
Dead to self, alive to God,
"Corn of wheat" beneath the sod;
Blessed Lord, O make me willing,
For Thy Holy Spirit's filling;
As the branch is in the vine,
Daily, hourly, I am Thine,
And Beloved, Thou are mine!

O my Saviour, am I ready,
For the great and glorious day,
When You'll come in shining glory,
And we'll all be "caught away"?
O the brightness, burning clearness
Of Thy Holy presence's nearness
Penetrating every thought;
Showing what our lives have wrought;
O the shame if we're refused
To be offered up and used
Blessed Lord, O make us willing
For Thy Holy Spirit's filling
Daily, hourly, just to yield,
Ready when to be revealed,
When the trump of God has pealed.

—Betty McNaughton,
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Why I Cannot Accept the R.S.V.

(Continued from page 1)

St. Paul in Acts 13:35. The whole point of the quotation is in the word "corruption." Yet when we turn back the pages of the RSV to Psalm 16:10 (the verse that is indicated in the footnote of both of these passages), we find it there translated in such a way as to indicate that Peter and Paul were quite mistaken in thinking that David had predicted a resurrection. The keyword "corruption" disappears, and the RSV Old Testament renders the verse this way: "For thou dost not give me up to Sheol, or let thy godly one see the Pit." This completely destroys the force of Peter's and Paul's argument, and makes them appear to have utterly misunderstood the Old Testament. The RSV does not even bother to indicate in a footnote the fact that it has made so far-reaching a change!

What evidence did the translators consider sufficient to warrant such a vital alteration? On what ground did they introduce such confusion into the relation between the Old and New Testaments? It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the change was the result of their theological views, even though, if questioned, they would claim to have a philological warrant for it.

It all hinges on the meaning of the Hebrew word *shachath*, which the King James Version here renders as "corruption," while the RSV substitutes "Pit." The Greek translation known as the Septuagint, which was made at about 200 B.C., translates it "pit" in two places where it occurs, and

"corruption" in eight. Surely we would expect the Jews who translated the Old Testament into Greek in the second century before the time of Christ to know more about the meaning of an ancient Hebrew word than we know today. On what ground does the RSV throw aside this evidence, contradict the Septuagint, and make Peter and Paul appear to rest their argument on a false translation?

From a philological viewpoint the only possible ground would be the assumption that the word *shachath* could not possibly have two such different meanings. Yet in English and in every other language, there are numerous instances where words from different roots have so developed as to become identical in form, and yet to be used with two or more distinct meanings. Any motorist knows how confusing it is when sometimes a turn to the right can be a wrong turn, while a turn to the left would be right. Thus, Did you turn right? could be answered both "yes" and "no" and both answers would be true. In every language such ambiguities are common. But the RSV editors assume that if the word *shachath* sometimes means "pit," then it can never mean "corruption," Peter, Paul, and the Septuagint translators notwithstanding.

The change in Psalm 16:10 does not rest upon philological principles that are carried through elsewhere. I find it hard to believe that a version that thus arbitrarily removes what Peter

and Paul considered to be basic foundations of Christianity is a proper version for the use of sound biblical churches.

Can Jesus Be Addressed As God?

Hebrews 1:8 reads in the RSV: "But of the Son he says, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever, the righteous sceptre is the sceptre of thy kingdom." This is a literal quotation of the Hebrew of Psalm 45:6. Yet there the first part of the verse is translated, contrary to normal Hebrew usage: "Your divine throne endures for ever and ever. Your royal sceptre is a sceptre of equity." The literal rendering, which would correspond to the New Testament quotation, is simply mentioned in a footnote: "Or your throne is a throne of God, or your throne, O God." Neither the reading in the text nor the first suggestion in the footnote has any warrant at all, aside from a dislike on the part of the translators of addressing Christ as God. This dislike is also shown by the RSV New Testament translators, who put a footnote at Hebrews 1:8: "Or God is thy throne."

Only a determination to oppose any recognition of the fact that Jesus is actually God could produce these results in both Testaments of the RSV.

Nor is this an isolated instance. The Book of Hebrews is filled with quotations from the Old Testament. It is shocking to see how differently most of them are rendered in the RSV Old Testament.

Isaiah Fifty-Three

The description of Christ's redemptive work in the passage that runs from Isaiah 52:12 to the end of Isaiah 53 contains a summary statement near its beginning (in Isaiah 52:15): "He shall sprinkle many nations." Peter indicated the fulfillment of this in I Peter 1:1, 2 where he referred to people of many nations as being saved through "sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ." The RSV Old Testament changes "sprinkle" to "startle" with a footnote which says: "The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain."

Actually there is nothing uncertain about it. It is absolutely certain that this word means "sprinkle" in Hebrew and it is so translated in the RSV itself in a score of instances. There is no real evidence that it ever meant "startle." This decision of the RSV to select a rendering which is contradicted by at least twenty uses of the Hebrew word itself betrays a theological pre-supposition which would deny the possibility of Isaiah's predicting that people could be saved through "sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ."

Was Jesus Born of a Virgin?

In the first chapter of the New Testament we read that when Joseph was thinking of putting away his betrothed wife on account of her condition, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, telling him the Holy Ghost had caused her to conceive a Son who would be called Jesus. Despite the fact that the RSV ends the quotation of the angel's words with Matthew 1:21, it seems reasonable to consider that verses 22 and 23 are also part of what the angel said, since verse 24 tells of Joseph's obedience when he awoke from sleep. Whether this is the case or not, the verses state that the virgin birth of Christ had been predicted by Isaiah, who lived seven hundred years before Christ.

In Matthew 1:22-23a, the RSV translates as follows: "All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son." Yet in Isaiah 7:14 the RSV says, "Behold a young woman shall conceive and bear a son," thus reducing the New Testament quotation to nonsense.

Why does the RSV here change the word "virgin" to "young woman"? Is there any proof that it does not mean virgin? Since this particular Hebrew word is used less than ten times in the Old Testament it is difficult to prove its meaning on the basis

of usage. It occurs in Genesis 24:43 where Abraham's servant prays to the Lord to lead him to the young woman who should be Isaac's bride. Surely in this case there is nothing to prove that the word means anything other than a virgin. There is no occurrence of the word in which it can be proved that the woman referred to was not a virgin. The Septuagint, translating Isaiah 7:14 in the second century before the time of Christ, rendered it by the specific Greek word for virgin. Why are we not justified in believing that the Septuagint translators knew what the word meant? Only a determination not to believe that Isaiah could predict the virgin birth of Christ can account for the conclusion that Isaiah 7:14 should not contain the idea of a virgin birth.

If we follow the idea of these and various other passages, that the Old Testament should generally be rendered in such a way as to contradict the New Testament quotations and to invalidate the arguments that the New Testament founders upon them, we utterly destroy the unity of the Bible. Could anyone translate in such a way, unless he were convinced that the Bible is not a book that God has given for the guidance of His people, but merely a record of the erroneous and fallible thoughts and words of sinful men? No scientific evidence requires acceptance of such a view.

Merely to change "young woman" to "virgin" in Isaiah 7:14 would not greatly alter the situation but this is only one among many instances of removal from the RSV Old Testament of what Christians have always regarded as predictions of Christ.

Is Jesus God, or Did He Have An Origin?

Micah 5:2 contains the prediction quoted in Matthew 2:6, that Christ would be born in Bethlehem. The last line of the verse is translated in the RSV by the words, "whose origin is from of old, from ancient days." The King James Version uses the words "goings forth" (plural) where the RSV says "origin."

A little thought will show what a difference it makes to our Christian belief whether Christ is described as one whose "goings forth" (plural) occurred in ancient times, or whether He had an "origin." Christians have always believed that Christ is the Second Person of the Trinity and was never created, but is Himself the Creator. The RSV translation denies this and makes Him a created being, thus flatly denying His deity.

The King James Version renders the Hebrew word literally. Other forms of the noun and of the corresponding verb are frequently translated literally in the RSV, also. The exact form used here (feminine plural) occurs in only one other place in the Bible in that form, and there the RSV does not translate it as "origin." There is no reason whatever for changing "goings forth" to "origin" in Micah 5:2 except the anti-Christian theological pre-supposition of the translators.

Another form of the same root occurs in Psalm 121:8, where the RSV translates it literally as "going out." But had it been consistent and followed the same procedure as it did in the Micah passage, the RSV would have said, "The Lord will keep your origin and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." And this does not make sense.

Is Jesus the Son of God?

Another illustration of the fact that this version presents what its translators think the Bible ought to say, instead of what the original actually says, is found in Psalm 2:12. This is a wonderful Messianic Psalm. Acts 13:33 and Hebrews 1:5 quote the latter part of its seventh verse, "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee," as a prediction of Christ. Its last verse begins with the words, "Kiss the Son." But here the RSV abandons the translation "son," substituting "his feet."

Why is this change introduced? As is indicated by the notation "Cn" in the RSV footnote, there is no basis in the original for the reading, "his feet." Why abandon the word "Son," especially since

it has already occurred in verse 7? In answer to this question the RSV translators would point out that a different word is used here than in verse 7, which contains *ben*, the common Hebrew word for "son." Here the word is *bar*. There is a Hebrew noun *bar* which means "corn," and a Hebrew adjective *bar* which means "pure." Obviously neither of these would make sense in the verse. However, Aramaic, a related language, has a word *bar* which means "son," and this fits the context perfectly, particularly in view of verse 7. Yet this interpretation is not only discarded by the RSV—it is not even mentioned in a footnote.

Why should it be considered impossible that the Psalm would use an Aramaic word? The Hebrews had many contacts with the Aramaeans and there is no reason why an Aramaic word should not occasionally be used in Hebrew, just as French or German words are occasionally used in English.

Moreover, even though David is writing a prediction of the rising of kings and nations against Christ, it would be natural for him to think also of the hostile kings around him who had been forced to submit to his control. Most of these kings spoke Aramaic, and it would be quite natural to use a word in their own language in addressing them, just as the German word *Fuehrer* was widely used in English in referring to Hitler during World War II, or the Russian word *Sputnik* in referring to the artificial satellites that the Russians put into orbit. To clinch the argument, we note that the very word *bar*, which the RSV refuses even to mention in this context where it would be a further reference to Jesus as the Son of God, is three times translated "son" in the RSV itself, in the midst of the Hebrew of Proverbs 31:2, where no question of Messianic prediction is involved.

The RSV footnote reads: "Cn: The Hebrew of 11b and 12a is uncertain." Actually there is nothing uncertain about it. The RSV itself translates the very same word as "son" three times in Proverbs 31:2. The rendering "his feet" has no sound philological basis. (Continued on page 8)

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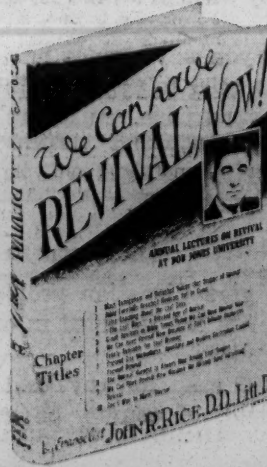
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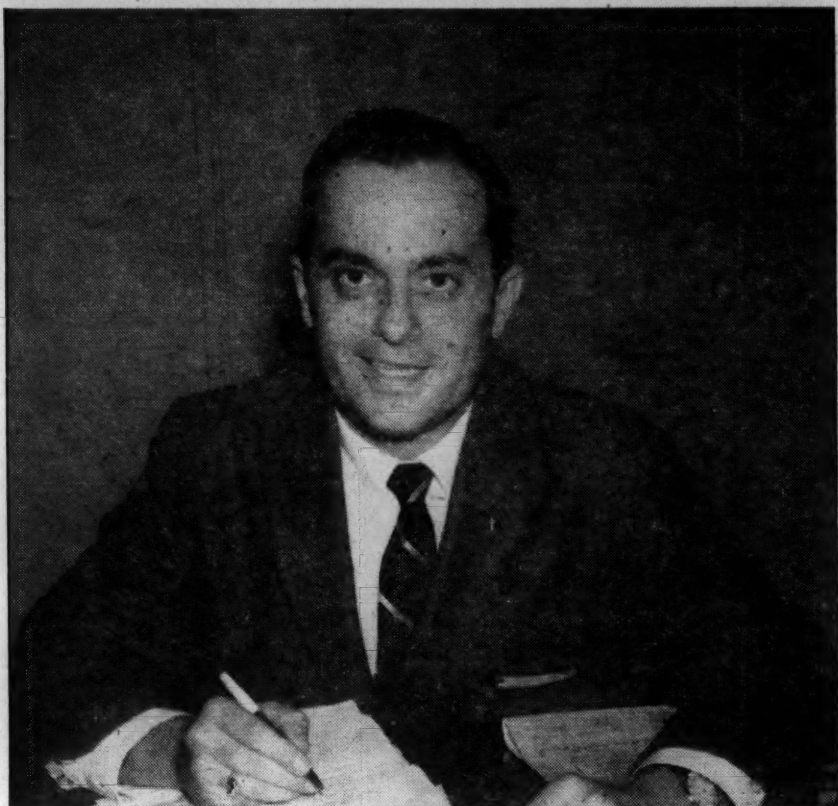
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By Art De Moss

Whenever God does something wonderful in answer to prayer, I like to tell others about it. Some of my friends may think I'm crazy to spend over \$1,000 for two full pages in **The Sword of the Lord**, but I've prayed about it and believe it's the right thing to do.

Of course it will take an awful lot of applications for our new Total Abstiners' policy to pay for this, especially at the unbelievably low rate of just \$2 to \$4 per month. But you should see the tremendous response that has already come from the first announcement, made just a few weeks ago, of our Gold Star Hospitalization Policy. You may have read that announcement in **The Sword**, and remember that the plan pays **lifetime** benefits of up to \$100 per week from your first day in the hospital, and is guaranteed renewable as long as you live!

But let me tell you the behind-the-scenes story of this total abstiners' plan and how the Lord helped me to get the idea and then to persuade a fine insurance company to write this unique policy.

The Idea Is Born

For thirteen years we have been in the hospitalization and health insurance business. During this time God has blessed and we've been able to help protect tens of thousands of people against the ever-increasing costs of hospital and doctor bills.

But I soon noticed something that didn't seem right to me. Good Christian people who did not drink at all were actually being penalized by having to pay the same large premiums paid by drinkers. And this in spite of the common knowledge that usually those who drink get sick and are hurt more often than those who do not drink.

Before Jesus Christ came into my heart and saved my soul and changed my life I was, for a time, in the liquor business myself. I saw what it does to people. I saw the results which the liquor ads never reveal—broken homes, broken hearts, broken health, broken lives.

Alcohol and the Body

I did a little research and found some startling facts:

The Rockefeller Foundation reports that "20% of mental patients in American hospitals are alcoholics, 40% of admissions to Bellevue Hospital in New York City are alcoholics, and 32% of male admissions to Massachusetts hospitals can be traced to alcohol as the chief cause. It is estimated that alcohol, directly or indirectly, causes in excess of 200,000 deaths annually."

Dr. Haven Emerson of Columbia writes, "Alcohol causes disease: psychoses, multiple neuritis, gastritis, and cirrhosis of the liver. Alcohol causes death from acute and chronic poisoning. Alcohol reduces resistance to infection. Alcohol diminishes likelihood of recovery from acute infections, such as pneumonia."

Dr. Andrew C. Ivy, Chairman of the Department of Clinical Science, University of Illinois, in August said, "Alcoholism is now the nation's number three health problem from the standpoint of incidence, lives lost and people disabled." He said it ranks immediately behind heart disease and cancer in these respects!

God Opens Doors

Armed with all these facts, I went to see Blaine Scott III, President of the World Mutual Health and Accident Insurance Company. We happen to represent some of the biggest and best known companies in America, but this thirty-two year old company is one of the best we know of anywhere. It has an A+ Excellent rating (highest rating available) by Dunne's Insurance Reports, the world's largest policyholders' reporting service. World Mutual is in a very strong financial position, with over \$2 in assets for each \$1 of liabilities! (The average of the 23 largest companies in the business is only \$1.08 in assets per \$1.00 of liabilities.)

Well, I was surprised that Mr. Scott didn't get too excited about these facts showing non-drinkers to be better risks for hospitalization policies. However, he did agree to let us design a special hospitalization policy for non-drinkers only and to offer it at just \$2 to \$4 a month. But he was mighty skeptical, because no other insurance company that he or we knew of had ever done anything like this before.

Imagine Me Buying Just to Tell You About

You should have seen his surprise when an avalanche of applications came in from that one ad in **The Sword of the Lord**! These were from non-drinking people from all over the United States (and outside of the country, as well!) who realized the need of a weekly income when they need to go to the hospital. Now the president of World Mutual is excited, too.

Why Carry Hospitalization?

One out of every seven people will spend some time in the hospital this year. This means that, on an average, one out of every two families this year, or all families in the next two years, will have someone in the hospital!

I've seen so many people sunk almost hopelessly into debt by a siege in the hospital. The increased hospital rates, expensive but wonderful miracle drugs, and costly doctor bills can wipe out a savings account, make one borrow money and, in many cases, necessitate selling one's home or, at least, mortgaging it to pay the bills. Besides, most hospitals require proof of ability to pay before admitting a patient. For those with adequate hospitalization insurance, this is easy; but for those without it, it is sometimes extremely difficult—and oftentimes embarrassing.

How We Designed the Gold Star Total Abstiners' Hospitalization Plan

As long as Mr. Scott had given me the green light to design this non-drinkers' hospitalization policy there were a number of features I wanted to include. First, it had to be guaranteed renewable—that is, the company would not be able to cancel a policy if the policyholder got sick too often or if he developed a condition which was pretty certain to recur. Nearly every hospitalization policy which I know of can be cancelled by the company. In fact, many of you have had this unfortunate experience. Others will yet have it. But with the Gold Star plan, only **you** can cancel!

Then I wanted a policy which would be good in any hospital in the world—even in missionary hospitals! Most policies are good only in North America and many, as you know, are limited only to certain "member" hospitals.

The policy we wanted should pay cash directly to the policyholder, to be spent as needed. Most other hospitalization plans help to pay hospital bills only—they can't be used for food, rent and other necessities. But the Gold Star plan pays you cash, to do with as you wish.

We wanted the Gold Star Total Abstiners' Policy to give immediate coverage. And it does. There are no waiting periods. Full benefits go into effect at noon of the day your policy is issued, not 30 days or 3 months later.

There should be no limit on the number of days in the hospital, nor on the number of times you can collect—and there aren't! If you should get hurt and go to the hospital the day after your policy is issued and remain there the rest of your life, you would receive benefits in cash every week!

Well, Mr. Scott and World Mutual agreed to all of the foregoing requirements, and thus gave us the cleanest, broadest coverage hospital policy I know of anywhere. World Mutual even agreed not to require a medical examination before issuing this unusual policy (although it is understood, of course, that illnesses or impairments existing prior to the date of policy issuance are not covered.)

The following conditions are the only ones this policy does not cover: pregnancy, childbirth or miscarriage; suicide or attempted suicide; any act of war; workmen's compensation cases; or hospitalization caused by the use of alcoholic beverages or narcotics. Everything else is covered!

Pays \$100 Per Week for Life

The basic Gold Star Total Abstiners' Policy pays \$100 per week from the first day as long as you remain in the hospital. This amount is paid in cash directly to you and is **in addition to any other hospitalization plan which you may already have!**

This may be used to pay hospital or doctor bills, household expenses or for any purpose you desire. Under this plan there can be no argument about whether certain medicines, x-rays, oxygen or other special hospital services will be covered. This \$100 a week is yours to spend as you see fit.

Additional Benefits

In order to give Christian people the best protection possible, these added benefits are included in our Gold Star Total Abstiners' Hospitalization Policy:

Pays \$2,000.00 cash for any kind of non-occupational accidental death. (This would, of course, be more than enough for funeral expenses.)

Pays \$2,000.00 cash for loss of one arm, one leg, sight of one eye.

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bout Our New Policy for Non-Drinkers!

Pays \$6,000.00 cash for loss of both eyes, arms, or legs.
Pays **double** the above amounts (up to \$12,000.00) for specified travel accidents!

Low Rates for Non-Drinkers

After we had designed this special non-drinkers policy I became concerned as to how much such a plan would cost. I knew it had to be within the reach of common folks without large incomes in order to help those who most need it.

Imagine my delight when I found that World Mutual would let us offer this broad-coverage hospitalization policy paying \$100 a week for only \$4 per month or \$40 a year! This, of course, is less than for any comparable coverage available elsewhere. In addition, the company **cannot cancel** this policy, no matter how often or how long you might be sick. No one else we know of anywhere gives this kind of protection.

Then since some folks who already have hospitalization might want only \$50.00 a week protection to use as supplemental coverage, this is available at only \$2 per month or \$20.00 a year. This policy is identical to the \$100 a week policy except that it pays \$50 per week, and the additional benefits for accidental death and loss of eye, leg or arm are half as large, but still \$1000 to \$3000.

Senior Citizens Policy

I just couldn't see eliminating older folks from this opportunity when they need it so badly. So the World Mutual company agreed to a special Gold Star Senior Citizens Policy. Non-drinkers between 65 and 100 years of age are eligible. Premium rates for this plan are just \$6 per month or \$60 per year for the \$100 a week policy. The \$50 a week plan is, of course, also available to this age group at only \$3 a month or \$30 per year. (Those taking out the regular Gold Star Policy before age 65 pay only the regular premium even after reaching 65.)

How Can We Make the Rates So Low?

Well, several things make it possible for us to offer this remarkable protection at these low rates. In the first place, we're convinced that non-drinkers are better risks and that the World Mutual Company won't have to pay as many claims as on an ordinary policy which covers drinkers and non-drinkers at the same rates.

In the second place, we don't have to pay any commissions to agents or salesmen on this direct-by-mail policy, thus keeping the premium cost as low as possible for Christian folks who want—and deserve—the most protection for their money.

I know you simply cannot find any hospitalization plan anywhere that will give you the remarkable coverage of the Gold Star Total Abstiners' policy at these low rates.

Some Questions Answered

We have received some of the most interesting and remarkable letters from **Sword** readers about this policy. And we want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your kind commendations, and for your warm expressions of gratitude to us. Then many have asked questions, some of which we'll try to answer right here, in case the same questions have occurred to you also:

Question: Can this policy be terminated by the company or can my benefits be reduced if I have too many claims?

Answer: No.

Question: Will my benefits be reduced when I get older?

Answer: No, they will not be.

Question: Do I have to discontinue my present hospitalization policy in order to get this?

Answer: Definitely not. In fact, a person often needs more than one hospital policy these days.

Question: Do you have a Family Plan?

Answer: Yes, with full benefits but at a special reduced rate for children under 18 of just \$3.00 per month for the \$100 per week plan, and only \$1.50 per month for \$50 weekly protection.

Money-Back Guarantee

We'll be glad to write up a policy for you and let you examine it in your own home. If the policy is not what you want, it may be returned within ten days for full and prompt refund of your money. We want you to be absolutely satisfied.

I Suggest You Send the Coupon Today

You may not know that 32,000 enter the hospital every day for the first time. We trust that your turn will not come soon. But please remember, once the doctor tells you that you need to go to the hospital its too late to buy coverage at any price! So, I strongly recommend that you fill out the coupon on this page and send it in today to get this special Gold Star hospitalization plan. If an unexpected illness or accident should put you in the hospital soon, I know you'll sure be glad that you took out this policy in time!

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Yes, I want your Gold Star Lifetime Hospitalization Policy for total abstainers, as underwritten by World Mutual Health and Accident Insurance Company. Will you please enroll the names signed below in your hospitalization plan, and mail the policies immediately. I understand you will let me examine them for ten days, and if I am not satisfied that they are exactly as you described, I may return them and you will immediately refund my money.

Policies Offered and Rates

You may pay the small premium each month or SAVE TWO MONTHS PREMIUM (16 2/3%) by paying for a year in advance.

No. 1. Pays \$100 per week
Costs \$4 first month, \$40 full year

No. 2. Pays \$50 per week
Costs \$2 first month, \$20 full year

Senior Citizens Policies, Age 65-100

No. 3. Pays \$100 per week
Costs \$6 first month, \$60 full year

No. 4. Pays \$50 per week
Costs \$3 first month, \$30 full year

Policies for Children 18 and Under

No. 5. Pays \$100 per week
Costs \$3 first month, \$30 full year

No. 6. Pays \$50 per week
Costs \$1.50 first month, \$15 full year



Please Complete Separate Application for each person desiring coverage.

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I enclose \$ _____ for Gold Star Policy No. _____ (Policy number from list above)

I understand that this policy does not cover conditions originating prior to the date of insurance. I do not use any alcoholic beverages whatsoever. I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief I am in sound health, free from physical defect or deformity, and that I am not under doctor's care, nor have I been advised to have medical or surgical treatment except as follows:

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I Will Love Thee, O Lord, . . .

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out blessings on every hand out of His mercy, then not to love God is the basest ingratitude, inexcusable and criminal. And last of all, if the love of this eternal God and Creator and Upholder is so great toward us that He would give His only begotten Son to die for us, and give us His Word to tell us about it, and send us His pleading Holy Spirit to seek us, then for a man not to love God would mean that he is so criminally debased and wicked that only the eternal torment of a damned soul would be his proper end and reward!

And all these suppositions above are true. There is a great God who made us. He loves us and provides for us. "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17). He gave His Son to die for us. His all-enveloping, over-brooding love surrounds us with mercies as many as the sands of the seas, as fresh every day as the morning dew, as fragrant as the breath of a flower! God calls us, warns us, seeks us, pleads with us! He offers free pardon for our sins, peace for our minds, Heaven for our home. He offers joy instead of sorrow, rest instead of burdens, salvation instead of condemnation, everlasting life instead of everlasting death. Life itself is His gift. Food is His bounty. Health is His present. He gives the power to get wealth.

The love of mother and father, of sweetheart, of wife, of baby, of dear friend—these are but the faint reflection of His great love.

God is light, and so there is no light but comes from His presence. The sun, moon and stars shine only because He said, "Let there be light." Just so, God is love, and there is no love but comes because God planned it and willed it. His love is so abundant that He pours it through every channel to the heart of every human being He has created and sustained and purchased. Oh, the love of God! How man ought to love God! It ought to be the most natural thing in the world for a human being to adore the Creator, to delight in Him, to seek Him, to praise Him. He is altogether lovely and the fairest of ten thousand. One who does not love God is to be branded as an awful sinner deserving only of death and torment and headed for the ruin which is his due! So the Bible teaches.

The first and greatest commandment is, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind" (Matt. 22:37, 38). This includes the first section of the Ten Commandments. Jesus also said, "And the second is like unto it." Again we are told that "Love is the fulfilling of the law" (Rom. 13:10). The wise preacher with the highest that human philosophy could attain, in Ecclesiastes 12:13 said, "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." If by the Spirit's help he should have seen a little deeper, he would have added that the fear is reverential and godly trust, and that keeping God's commandments is a matter of the heart. Sin shows in the life only because the heart does not perfectly love God.

God's Love Should Awaken Love in Every Heart

God's goodness is like the continual wooing of a lover. "The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance" (Rom. 2:4). How well I remember when I wooed and won my dear wife. When we were students in Baylor University together at Waco, Texas, I worked hard to earn my tuition and board and other expenses. I carried the mail for the University Post Office Sub-Station, I milked cows, I dried dishes, I clerked in the book store. Sometimes I wore patched clothing to classes. Sometimes in the cafeteria my lunch was buns and potatoes and gravy; and yet I found ways and means to carry the gifts that my love dictated to the girl that I loved and whose hand was even then promised me.

She liked candy—not a little bag of gumdrops, nor a 5c bar. No, her favorite was "King's Nut Trio." It came in golden three-decked boxes, Brazil nuts and almonds and pecans dipped in the richest chocolate, and it cost me one dollar and a half per pound! But, bless her dear heart, she got her candy many the time, and I felt that if she would but love me she might have all that my labor and planning and devotion could provide.

I will never forget when we went to the Junior-Senior banquet. I was a senior and she was a junior. The juniors entertained the seniors in the Gold Room of the Raleigh Hotel. She would be beautifully gowned and no one must outshine my sweetheart on that great night. I will never forget the long-stemmed hot-house American Beauty roses that I bought her for that occasion, though they cost me three dollars per half dozen! I never read a book that I delighted in but I marked it for her. I never was moved by a glowing sunset but I must tell her about it. I never thanked God for a blessing, I think, without pouring out to her my joys. No work was hard if she were pleased with it, and no road was long if she were at the end of it! I wrote her daily, month in and month out for four years, when we were away from each other. Unworthy as I am, I do not see how she could have helped loving me. My love gave all it had and demanded love in return.

And I think in some small measure this is a parable of the love of God for sinners. His tender compassion never sleeps in the night. His love knows no bounds of time or distance or even of wickedness.

Jesus prayed for those who slew Him and wept over a Jerusalem full of murderers. He received the kiss of the traitor, Judas, and called him yet "Friend." He stilled the weeping of the woman who was a sinner and sent her away in peace, forgiven. Abraham spoke with the tenderness of God when he said to the rich man in Hell, "Son, remember!" In all the universe of God there is not one sinner so mean, so wicked, so debased but that if he would, he could be loved of God yet and forgiven.

The love of God is greater far—Than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care,

God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.

When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;

When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call;

God's love, so sure, shall still endure,

All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race— The saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made;

Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade;

To write the love of God above, Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole,

Though stretched from sky to sky.

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!

How measureless and strong! It shall forever more endure— The saints' and angels' song.

—F. M. Lehman.

How can sinners resist such love of God? How can sinners refuse such offers of mercy? How can sinners refuse to love the God and Saviour who loves us so? Yet men do resist God, reject His mercy, deny His Son and resist His Spirit. And that itself is all the proof any man needs of the awful depravity of the human race. There ought to be, there must be, there IS a Hell of torment for Christ-rejecting sinners who will not love such a God as ours and such a Saviour as He offers us.

Many Men Hate God and His Son Jesus Christ

Sometimes sinners have told me, "I suppose everybody loves God." And I have been compelled to answer that they were greatly mistaken. Multitudes do not love God; rather they hate Him. I think all men have some sense of obligation to God and only a fool deceives even himself enough to say that there is no God. I think perhaps all men in some sense fear God. Men realize that they ought to love God, and yet they do not.

Let us settle this by the words of Jesus Christ: "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon" (Matt. 6:24). If we take the literal meaning of the words above, then it appears that those who do not serve God do not love Him. Some love God and serve Him, some love Satan and serve him. Jesus said to the Pharisees, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning . . ." (John 8:44). And Jesus said that they would murder Him because their father, Satan, was a murderer; that they would lie because Satan was a liar and the father of lies.

Let us make it plain that Jesus Christ is God in the flesh. No man can come to the Father but by Jesus Christ. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6). In Him is all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (Col. 2:9). Christ is the express image of the divine Person (Heb. 1:3). God the Father has given all authority in Heaven and earth into the hands of His dear Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died for sinners (Matt. 28:18). It is He who will be the Judge of sinners who reject Him, as surely as He is the Saviour of sinners who accept Him. To love Christ is to love the Father. For Jesus said, "I and my Father are one" (John 10:30).

So we have here the plain teaching of Jesus Christ: "Either he will hate the one and love the other; or else he will hold to the one and despise the other." Either you love Jesus Christ and hate the Devil and sin, or you love Satan and hate Jesus Christ. You would not like to say that you hate Christ. It would not sound well among the people where you pretend to be moral and clean and good. But the simple fact is, dear sinner whom God loves, if you do not love Jesus Christ, you hate Him. If you do not hold to Him, you despise Him. If you hold on to Satan, then that is proof enough that you despise Christ. Jesus said again, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth" (Luke 11:23).

Do not deceive yourself, reader. Religious leaders in the time of Christ pretended to love God.

They went through forms of worship. They prayed; they fasted; they tithe; they attended public services; they read the Bible. Outwardly they were moral and religious. And yet they hated Jesus Christ. They lied about Him; they persecuted Him. Finally they had Him crucified. They murdered Him, and then gave Him vinegar with gall and mocked Him while He died! All their pretense of loving God was a lie, a wicked, hellish lie! They were like whited sepulchres, beautiful outwardly, but full of dead men's bones. They appeared righteous to men, but within were full of extortion and excess and all uncleanness. Small wonder that Jesus said to them seven times, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!" (Matt. 23). And again, "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matt. 23:33).

So it is with you, dear, deceived, sinning man, if in your heart you do not love Jesus Christ. If it came to a showdown with you, as it did with those Pharisees and scribes, you, too, would cry out, "Let him be crucified! Let him be crucified!" Those who do not love Jesus Christ hate Him, He said. Those who do not cling to Him or hold to Him despise Him. There is no halfway ground. It is either love or hate for Jesus Christ. If you have not trusted Him, have not penitently looked to Him for forgiveness, and have not received a new birth from God, then, I say it sadly, you are the enemy of Jesus Christ. You hate Him like those who crucified Him and are condemned as they were.

This Hatred for Jesus Christ Is Why Men Are Condemned to Hell

In John 3:18 we are told, "He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." Is that too harsh? Does it seem such a little thing for which a man must go to torment, just because he does not believe on Christ, does not trust Him for salvation? The verses which follow explain that thus:

"And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God" (John 3:19-21).

There it is again. All who trust in Christ come to the light. Every sinner who in his heart longs for righteousness, longs to please God, seeks after God, will trust in Christ for salvation the first time he ever hears the gospel. He will come to the light "that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God." But those who reject Christ and do not trust Him for salvation are those who hate Him and love their sin. "Men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil," Christ is the Light, but "every one that doeth evil HATETH THE LIGHT." That, Jesus said, is the reason that sinners do not come to Him and trust Him. Sinners are condemned to Hell because they hate Jesus Christ. They love their sins and hold tightly to them, despising Jesus and despising the great God who is His Father and our Creator. It is a terrible doctrine, but it is true, that all who do not love Jesus Christ are condemned, and rightfully so, to eternal condemnation. Oh, sinner, if you do not love Him, how can you face death and judgment and eternity? Nothing, surely, could reveal your wickedness more than the fact that you do not love the lovely Christ, our Saviour and our Lord.

God Will Put Love in Your Heart

I know how helpless a sinner must feel if God requires any righteous thing from us at all. A dear woman who was for years a Seventh Day Adventist came to me with a burdened heart and with tears and said, "I have tried and tried but I cannot get peace. I am afraid I will never make it.

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Why I Cannot Accept the R.S.V.

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ological basis at all. It is only a guess on the part of the translators, and would seem to be the result of a prejudice against the idea that the psalmist predicted that Christ would be the Son of God.

Conclusion

These and other instances of similar character lead me to feel that the RSV is a very harmful book, and is far from being a dependable translation of the Bible. It frequently departs from the original text, sometimes without even a footnote to indicate

the change. Christians need a translation that they can depend upon, as giving what the original says, rather than what modernists think it ought to say.

Nothing but harm can result from the use of a book that introduces needless contradiction and confusion into the relation between the two Testaments, and makes the apostles seem to build their arguments in many cases on total misunderstanding of the Old Testament. Most readers are not trained to check the Hebrew original at every point, and even if so trained, would lack time to do it constantly. They need a more faithful translation of the original than the RSV, if their Christian lives are to grow as they should.

(From a tract published by The American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, N. Y. 38, N. Y. Also published in CHRISTIAN VICTORY.)

If folk would look at things aright, They'd find depressions not so bad, They then but learn to do without The things their fathers never had.

—Wickham



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I Will Love Thee, O Lord, . . .

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I cannot live well enough to keep the law and be saved." I assured her that every other person who ever tried it had come to the same conclusion and properly so. If any sinner reads this today with a solemn heart and admits that you ought to love God, surely you must be reminded that "in me (that is, in my flesh) dwelleth no good thing" (Rom. 7:18). By myself, as I am according to the flesh, I am wicked. I am sinful by nature, a nature which I inherited from Adam, a sinner, and from all the long line of my ancestry since Adam who were sinners, all, all sinners! I am not only a sinner by birth but, God's mercy be upon me, I am, I find, a sinner by choice! My nature runs after sin as naturally as water flows down hill. As swallows fly home in the evening, my flesh is pulled toward wickedness.

Cockleburbs and weeds do not grow more naturally in rich soil than sin grows in my poor heart. Is that your case, sinner? Do you, too, find yourself unable to do right, unable to please God? Do you find, to your sorrow, that you do not love God as you ought? Then, alas! what shall a sinner do? Thank God, we have the answer in God's Word. Romans 5:5 says:

"And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us."

Here is the way we can love God. If we turn in humble confession and repentance toward God and trust in Jesus Christ, the sinner's Friend and Substitute, to be our Redeemer and Saviour, then the Holy Spirit of God sheds abroad the love of God in our hearts! A sinner has no capacity to love God of himself, but God will put the love in his heart when he trusts in Jesus Christ. One who trusts in Christ is then born again, born of the Spirit (John 3:5); and the Holy Spirit, coming in, works in that heart what the heart cannot do for itself. The Holy Spirit scatters everywhere in our hearts the love of God. So it is that sinners come to love God, not out of their goodness but out of His goodness.

Did you ever notice that in the story of the prodigal son and the loving father in Luke, chapter fifteen, the father furnished everything for his sinning son? The son brought nothing with him—no shoes, no robe, no food, no ring, no joy, and no fitness for sonship. He himself admitted he was fit only to be a hired servant at very best. But when the poor, tired, penitent sinner returned, the father ran to meet him and fell on his neck and kissed him. He furnished a robe for his body, as God furnishes the robe of righteousness of His dear Son for sinners. He furnished the ring, the signet of sonship and authority, as God puts the assurance of salvation in the heart and on the records in Heaven. He gave him shoes, as God gives the sinner the shoes of the preparation of the gospel of peace that he may testify to those who are so undone as he once was himself. The father gave the son the feast of the fattened calf, and oh, what a feast of rejoicing God gives when a sinner comes home! There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels, the joybells ring in Heaven and

Tongue can never express
The sweet peace, joy and rest
Of a soul in its earliest love.

So at the wedding feast the King provided the wedding garments and none were admitted without one (Matt. 22:11, 12). Isn't it fitting, then, dear sinner, that we who are enemies of God by nature and cannot love Him aright by nature, even if we would, are thus provided with divine love in our hearts, love that leaps up to meet the love which God extends to us?

We may safely say, then, that all who are born again do love God. "He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love" (I John 4:8). Truly, then, we who are saved "love him, because he first loved us" (I John 4:19). Jesus said, "If God were your Father, ye would love me" (John 8:42). And the divinely-inspired Apostle Paul said, "If any man love God,

the same is known of him" (I Cor. 8:3). To love God truly means that we have been saved, and to be saved means that the Holy Spirit has wrought in our hearts a love for God.

Christian Love Sometimes Varies and Wanes

It is a sad thing that the love of a Christian is not perfect, since Christians are not perfect. In these last wicked days we are in it is prophesied that "the love of many shall wax cold" (Matt. 24:12). To such people Jesus sent the message, "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love" (Rev. 2:4). Though Christians do not lose their love, they sometimes lose the joy they had at first, the freshness and sweetness that was in their first love. But every saved person still has love for God, whether it is his first love or a love somewhat cooled down by the care and deceitfulness of this world.

When I was a boy, in a revival meeting a man for whom Christians had long prayed came back to God. We had supposed him an unregenerate sinner, but weeping, he stood before the congregation and said, "Twenty years ago I was saved. Since that time I have wandered far in sin. Sometimes I myself doubted if I were saved. But always in my heart, unseen by the world, there was a little flame that never went out. I could not destroy it. God would not let me go!" Surely that must be the experience of many a child of God.

Do you remember how Simon Peter left his ministry and apostleship and went back to the fishing business after Jesus rose from the dead? He had disgraced himself and his profession. He had cursed and sworn and denied Jesus Christ. I suppose he had the scorn of unthinking Christians and doubtless the mockery of the unsaved about him. But worse than all, he had the burning accusation of his own conscience! He remembered, I am sure, the pitiful eyes of Jesus as they turned and looked at him when the cock crowed the third time, and Simon Peter, the denier, went back into the dark and wept bitterly.

So Peter seems to have given up. He went back to the old trade again. But after toiling all night on the little Sea of Galilee with no success, his heart must have been heavy when Jesus appeared on the shore. It is told in the twenty-first chapter of John. John, the beloved, the spiritually-minded, perceived that it was Jesus. With overflowing heart Simon Peter girded on his leather fisherman's coat and swam to the shore. No boat was fast enough for him that day! Disappointed, a failure, yet with a burning fire in his bones, Peter was drawn like steel to a magnet. It may have seemed shameless, but full well I know how Peter felt. After sin and defeat and failure and heartbreak, I, too, have run back to God because I could do nothing else. He could understand me, He loved me, and the answering pain in my heart could find no ease until I knelt sobbing at His feet!

Jesus cooked the breakfast that spring morning, broiled the fish on an open fire and when they had eaten with the old-time intimate fellowship, Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these?" Peter answered, "Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee." Jesus commanded him, "Feed my lambs." Then the second time Jesus said, "Lovest thou me?" And then again when the answer and command were repeated, He said the third time, "Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me?" Peter's heart was altogether broken. As a skillful surgeon might probe deep into a bullet wound to find the slug of lead, so the question of Jesus Christ the third time cut deep in Peter's heart until he could know and all the world could know what was there, and Peter cried out, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee!" Peter did love Jesus. He loved Him though he denied Him. He loved Him when he had cursed and

sworn. He loved Jesus when he had quit the ministry. And, thank God, Peter was right. Jesus knew it! Well He might know it, for He Himself had put that unfailing spring of love in the heart of Peter when He saved him. Through the Holy Spirit, He had shed abroad the love of God in Peter's heart.

It is a marvel of marvels that the love of God is unfailing. A mother may forget her child, but Christ never forgets His own. "Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 8:38, 39). Ah, yes, but there is another side to that blessed story and that is this: nothing can stifle, nothing in Heaven or earth or Hell can utterly kill the love of God which is put in the heart of a child of God when he is born again. God not only loves us with an unfailing love; blessed thought, He puts in our heart an unfailing love for Him. I have failed Him miserably. Like David, I could sometimes say, "My tears have been my meat day and night" (Psa. 42:3). But at the same time I could cry out with David, "I love the Lord, because he hath heard my voice and my supplications" (Psa. 116:1), and I could resolve firmly, "I WILL love thee, O Lord, my strength."

Before Jesus came it was written of Him that "a bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench" (Matt. 12:20). The fire that is in my heart seems sometimes to smolder. Like those of the five wise virgins, my lamp needs trimming, but it never goes out; for He who put the oil in my lamp put the light on my wick. He will not quench the smoking flax and He will not break this poor, bruised reed of mine, so poor an instrument of music as it is. But He loves it and has claimed it for Himself, and one day this bruised reed will be replaced and will make divine music in the ears of the God who made it, and with the breath of His Son who saved me. Praise be to God that every poor, backsliding heart can cry out, "Lord, thou knowest all things, thou knowest that I love thee!"

I thank God that a Christian can grow to love Him better. If we keep His commands and do His will we find that the love of God is perfected in us (I John 2:5). As we read His Word, as we claim His promises, as we give free rein to the Holy Spirit without quenching or grieving Him, He will develop the love in our hearts until it burns in a holy conflagration.

Let every Christian, then, tell it abroad that we love God and let us boldly resolve and openly claim with David, "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength."

One Who Will Can Love God

It is refreshing and sweet to hear David say, "I will love thee, O Lord, my strength." Some people believe that love is a matter of accident like lightning, and no one can tell where it will strike. People speak of "falling in love" but that is not true. People walk into love and sometimes they very vigorously climb into it. It is not an accident that one loves God and another does not. Those who love God choose to love Him, determine to love Him, and so run to Him to have His love shed abroad in their hearts.

Some foolish women think they can hold their husbands' love by cosmetics and style. They think that the tricks of the beauty shop, of hair-dressing and powder and plucking, the cut of a dress or the plucking of an eyebrow, a slender form or a schoolgirl complexion will work the miracle of love in a man's heart. How foolish they are! Outward tricks may stir lust but we need to come back to the reverent conclusion that true and godly married love is safeguarded by the firm Christian character and faithfulness of those who love. Any fool of a man could be attracted hither and yon by a youthful face and form and sex appeal if he were so minded. And likewise, any good man with a high and holy resolve can set himself to love the wife of his youth and put around their happiness the safe wall of his consecrated reso-

lution, by the help of God. Love, I say, is largely a matter of choice. If human love has ever wandered from the paths of human righteousness, then we should remember that we need not be the slaves of passion. Where once we loved we can love again if we choose to do so. Christ commanded husbands to love their wives even as Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25, 33; Col. 3:19), and Christ commanded wives to love their husbands (Titus 2:4). Love is a matter of duty. Where God commands, He gives the power to fulfill the commands. We can love as we ought.

So, then, let us who have been saved take courage. We can give ourselves to the love of God and with a holy resolve and earnest effort put ourselves in His will, seek to know Him better. God will direct our hearts into the love of God (II Thess. 3:5).

Sinner, you can love God. You ought to love God. Why not, then, completely surrender all to Jesus Christ, trust Him for forgiveness and let Him put in your heart the sweet love that passeth the love of women; love greater than that of David and Jonathan? It is marvelous that God loves us. It is twice marvelous that He puts love in our own hearts and helps us fulfill His desires in response to His love.

A Curse on All Who Do Not Love Jesus Christ

The sin of not loving Christ is so awful, so wicked, so Hell-deserving, that the Apostle Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit to say, "If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maran-atha" (I Cor. 16:22). *Anathema* means *accursed*. And *Maran-atha* means "Our Lord cometh." Jesus Christ our Lord is coming! Let everyone who does not love Him be accursed! It will be sad to say good-bye to lost loved ones, but every saint of God then will join in this prayer, "Let them be accursed!" And at the last great white throne judgment of the unsaved dead, when the wicked who do not love Christ, have not trusted Him, have not received Him, go away into everlasting condemnation, then not one voice will be raised in protest. If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed!

Dear sinner, do not go on under this terrible curse because of your sinful rejection of Christ. Trust Him today! Open your poor, wicked heart to His tender forgiveness! He has sought you so long. He loves you so much. Such a price has been paid for your redemption! There is no hope except in Jesus, no other name is given under Heaven among men whereby you must be saved.

I love Him, I love Him,
Because He first loved me,
And purchased my salvation
On Calvary's tree.

If you will trust Him today with all your heart, you will find that you love Him.

Perhaps as you have read this message, your heart has been stirred to repent of your sins. Perhaps He has put love in your heart, and you find to your joy that you do love Him; not nearly so much as you ought, I know, but you do love Him—is that true? If so, won't you let me hear and I will rejoice with great joy.

If in your heart you will turn to Christ and trust Him and take Him today, then fill out the following statement and mail it to me or write me a letter or card. If in your heart you love Jesus Christ and take Him as your Saviour and Lord, I beg you, claim Him today.

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Why Christ Came

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He is in a class by Himself. If He were only a man, then by every law of evolution and by every code of common sense this twentieth

century ought to produce a better one. It is one thing to proclaim His natural birth; it is quite another thing to explain on the same

ground the mystery of His personality and His life.

Let the evolutionist, the psychologist, the agnostic, account for this! Apart from His supernatural birth He is the world's one great mystery, and the only clue you will ever find to

that mystery is to be found in the thirty-fifth verse of the first chapter of Luke's Gospel, where when Mary asked, "How shall this thing be, seeing I know not a man?" the angel replied, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

Now this is what we mean when we talk about the incarnation. It means that when Jesus Christ came into this world He came with two natures, a human nature and a divine one, and that this was brought about by the miraculous manner of His birth.

"But," you say, "the thing seems so utterly impossible." Nothing is impossible with God! If God could perform one miracle He could perform a hundred miracles just as hard, or harder, if anything could be hard with God. What kind of God does the modernist want us to worship anyhow? A God who can't do this, and can't do that, and can't do the other thing, or who if He can do it, must not do it because it seems so much more rational to do it some other way. I believe in a God who can do anything, and I am ready to believe anything and everything the Word of God says He did do. Why not?

"But," you say, "the whole thing seems so unnecessary." It takes an infinite amount of conceit for little, finite, erring individuals like you and me to say what was necessary and what was not necessary in so stupendous an event as the bringing into the world of the Only Begotten Son of God. If Christ was to offer Himself a sacrifice for your sins and mine, He had to be sinless Himself, and it was the miracle of His birth that precluded the possibility of moral taint from the earliest moment of conception.

"But," you say, "why are there not more witnesses to it in the Bible?" Well, how many witnesses does God require to establish His Word as true? It is recorded by the prophets before His birth, and by two of the evangelists after His birth, and is supported by the question of Mary to the angel, and by the conduct of Joseph as we have already seen, and all of this in language too clear to be denied.

"But," you say, "if it were true, the other writers would have known about it, and their silence therefore implies their denial of it." But you are far from the truth here. Their silence implies their acceptance of it, or they would have made correction where the others had gone into error.

If, however, silence on the part of one or more means denial, then there is altogether little indeed in the whole New Testament that can be relied upon, e.g., the first three Gospel writers are silent about the resurrection of Lazarus: therefore it never took place.

John makes no reference to the transfiguration: therefore there was none; although Matthew, Mark and Luke say John was one of the three who saw it.

Matthew and John say nothing about His ascension: therefore it never occurred.

Mark and John say nothing at all about His birth: therefore He was never born. These two evangelists begin with His public ministry, and so there was no occasion to say anything about His birth, virgin or otherwise. But they both specifically called Him the Son of God, and John repeatedly spoke of Him as the "only begotten Son of God." What does "beget" mean? It means to "generate." It means to "bring into existence." Did John mean "begotten of Joseph," or did

he mean "begotten of God"?

"What think ye of Christ? Whose son is he? Is he the son of Joseph?"

The prophets say, "No!"

Matthew says, "No!"

Mark says, "No!"

Luke says, "No!"

John says, "No!"

Mary says, "No!"

Joseph says, "No!"

Jesus says, "No!"

God says, "No!"

The modernist says, "Yes!"

And all I can say is, God pity the man who, with the Word of God open before him, lends himself to this sacrilegious but futile attempt to snatch from the blessed brow of Jesus this masterpiece of the incontrovertible evidence of His glorious Godhood.

"The Word was made flesh and dwelt among men" (John 1:14). I thank God that Jesus came. He might have come some other way, but I can think of no more beautiful way or more sensible way He could have come than by the way the Bible says He did come—through His supernatural virgin birth.

Christ Came to Destroy the Works of Satan

But here is another question just as important, and from a certain standpoint even more so. Why did He ever come at all? What was the real meaning of the incarnation? What was its purpose? Well, there was more than one purpose. Let us see what the Word of God says.

In I John 3:8 we are told, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil." Is it not a bit of the most glorious news you ever heard? You know what the works of the devil are: murder, lying, lust, and everything else born in Hell.

There is only one thing in God's world that I am afraid of, and that is sin. No man ever played with sin that sin didn't get the better of him. Don't try to play with sin. If you must play with something dangerous, then go out into the field and pick up a rattlesnake and let it play in your bosom. Go down to the electric road and play with the third rail. Reach up into the skies and play with God's forked lightning; but for God's sake and your soul's sake don't play with sin.

Two little Italian lads of New York City were returning from a swim. Pietro had picked up a piece of copper wire and thought he would have a little fun with the third rail of the New York Central track along which they were walking. He poked away around the wooden covering of the rail, but nothing happened. "That's funny," he said, "I guess I didn't touch the right spot." Then he pushed the point of his wire down underneath the covering. There was a flash of blue flame and a shriek of pain as 11,000 volts of electricity shot through the wire. In a moment, or less, his clothing was on fire, and his hair and eyebrows were burned off. He tried to drop the wire as it hissed and sputtered at white heat, but it wouldn't let go. He tried to pull it away but it stuck to the rail as if it were soldered there.

His little friend tried to pull him away and was hurled to the ground with a terrific shock. The brave little fellow then threw his rubber

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I Thessalonians 4

The Christian's Hope

Clues Across

- 1 "-----" when we could no longer forbear" I Thess. 3
- 10 "But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead where-in we were -----" Rom. 7
- 11 a descendant of Solomon's servants (Ezra 2:57)
- 12 New Testament name of Hosea (Rom. 9:25)
- 13 a chief ruler about David (II Sam. 20:26)
- 14 belonging to a city at which the children of Israel stopped (Num. 33:45)
- 16, 30, 45 "so shall ye ever be with the Lord. Wherefore ----- one ----- with ----- words"
- 19 "That every ----- of you should know how to possess his vessel"
- 20 "in this mountain shall the Lord of hosts make unto all people . . . a feast of wines on the -----" Isa. 25
- 21 "But as it is written, ----- hath not seen, nor ear heard" I Cor. 2
- 22 an animal imported by Solomon (I Kings 10:22)
- 24 "and the covering narrower than that he can ----- himself in it" Isa. 28
- 26 "the Lord will take away . . . their round ----- like the moon" Isa. 3
- 28 an age
- 29 "-----" sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity" Isa. 1
- 30 see 16 across
- 33 "to do your own business, and to work ----- your own hands"
- 35 "Sir, come down ----- my child die" John 4
- 36 initials of two Old Testament prophets: prophesied against Jerusalem (Micah 1:1) prophesied against Edom (Obad. 1:1)
- 38 "sound an ----- in my holy mountain" Joel 2
- 41 "know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and -----" (modern spelling)
- 43 a river of Damascus cleaner than the Jordan (II Kings 5:12)
- 45 see 16 across
- 46 "For this we say unto you by the ----- (s) of the Lord, that we which are alive"
- 48 tranquil; placid
- 49 to revise and prepare an article for publication

Clues Down

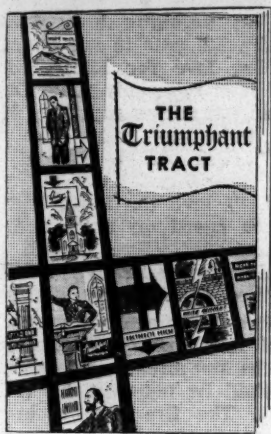
- 1, 32 "Then we ----- are alive ----- shall be caught up together"

- 2 a great, brave man
- 3 a son of Shem (Gen. 10:22)
- 4 initials of two Old Testament women whom God used to deliver His people (Josh. 2:1; Judg. 4:14)
- 5 "Thou are ----- than the children of men" Ps. 45
- 6 leaves out (as Jesus said the Pharisees did of the weightier matters of the law in Matt. 23:23)
- 7 the outer part of a wheel
- 8 "I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are -----"
- 9 "Furthermore then we ----- you, brethren, and exhort you"
- 15 "that ye ----- not, even as others which have no hope"
- 17 swift
- 18 initials of: the man not ashamed of Paul's bonds and the town where he lived (II Tim. 1:16, 18)
- 22 a town on the borders of the land of Canaan (Num. 34:11)
- 23 "What evil thing is this that ye do, and ----- (s) the sabbath day?" Neh. 13
- 24 "For if ----- believe that Jesus died and rose again"
- 25 a town of the inheritance of Judah (Josh. 15:50)
- 26 "ye yourselves are ----- of God to love one another"
- 27 "like a lamb dumb before his -----" so opened he not his mouth" Acts 8
- 29 same as 29 across
- 31 "Do not -----, my beloved brethren. Every good gift is from above" Jas. 1
- 32 see 1 down
- 34 "That ye may walk honestly ----- them that are without"
- 37 "the dead in Christ shall rise -----"
- 39 "For whosoever will save his life shall ----- it" Luke 9
- 40 "Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the ----- of Christ" Gal. 6
- 42 "----- that my words were now written! ----- that they were printed in a book" Job 19
- 44 "But as the days of ----- were, so shall also the coming of the son of man be" Matt. 24
- 47 initials of: town where Paul was let down over the wall in a basket (Acts 9:22) town where the people tried to stone Paul (Acts 14:1)

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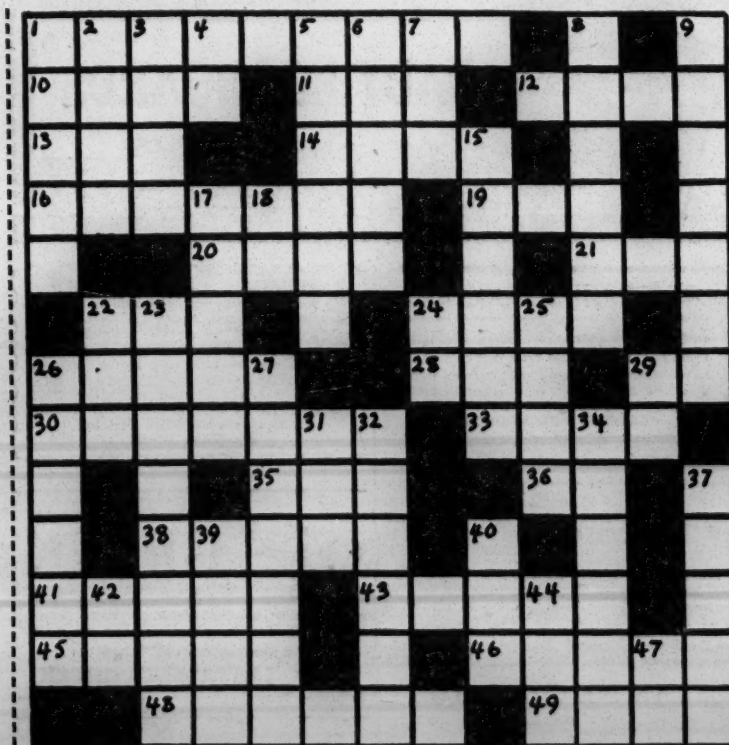
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Wonderful Testimonies:

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sermon entitled 'The Wrath of God.' We have dealt with others, too, very often using sermon material from the SWORD."

A Mrs. Paul Miller from West Palm Beach, Florida, who writes a lovely back hand, renewed her subscription for three years, and stated: "Your paper has meant so much to me and my family. We have had it in our home for 8 years now and it has certainly been a blessing to us. It was because of the SWORD that we left a modernistic church and became a part of one wherein the Word is preached fearlessly."

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Do You Mean Business?

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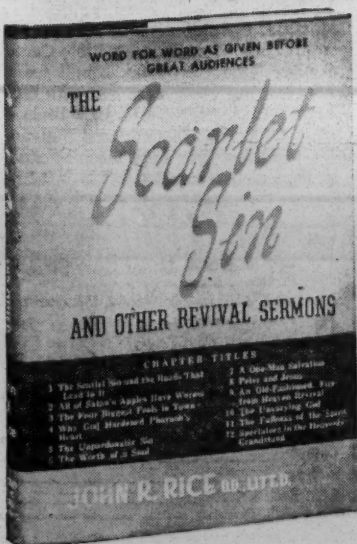
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Why Christ Came

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coat around Pietro and pulled him loose. Pietro started to run, but fainted and fell. They took him to the hospital and the doctor said, "One chance in a thousand to recover."

The two boys said they knew there was something dangerous about that rail. They had heard older people say so, but they thought it wouldn't hurt any to play with it a little. And so sin scorches and burns and kills like a live third rail, and people know it, and yet they will trifle with sin.

Maybe you, my friend, have played with your sin so long that to you your case seems hopeless; but thanks be to God, sin never took anyone so low, it never bound anyone so tightly that Christ Jesus, the God-man, couldn't reach down as low, snap the fetters, and set him free. That is why He was manifested; that is why He came—to destroy the works of the Devil.

And so I come to you with this message: no matter what your past has been, no matter what you have done or where you have

gone, Jesus works just as powerfully today as He did in the days of old, and if you will turn to Him, He will set you free; He will destroy the works of the Devil in you, give you the victory every hour; the days of defeat will be over forever.

"Well," you say, "that is very fine, and I need that kind of power in my life; but hold on. Oh, I'm already burdened with a sense of guilt; I've sinned enough already to lose my soul a thousand times over; the burden of guilt is like a thousand millstones, and it seems to press my soul downward toward Hell." Yes, that is so; but I have another piece of good news for you.

Christ Came to Take Away Our Sins

In I John 3:5 God's Word says, "Ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins."

I tell you, to the man who knows his sin and loathes it, the man who hates the memory of his sin, the man whose soul is lashed with the whips of a guilty conscience—to this man the sweetest story ever told, the sweetest song ever sung, the sweetest message ever delivered is the glad news that in some mysterious way which he can never quite fully comprehend, Jesus Christ puts Himself underneath his sin, underneath all that is foul and vile in the experience of the past, lifts it up and off from his soul, and takes it away. That is what He came to do.

You say: "My thoughts have been dirty and impure"; and the message rings out: "It's all taken away." He says: "I will remove thine iniquities from thee as far as the east is from the west" (Ps. 103:12).

You say: "I've cursed and blasphemed and profaned"; and the word rings back, "It's all taken away." He says, "I will cast all thy sins behind my back" (Isa. 38:17).

You say, "I've led a double life; I have a virtuous wife, but I've not been true to her"; and the glad news leaps out from the pages of God's Word, "It's all taken away." He says, "I will cast all thy sins into the depths of the sea" (Micah 7:19).

You say, "I've been a crook and a liar and a thief"; and God's answer is, "It's all taken away." He says, "I will blot out thine iniquities as a thick cloud" (Isa. 44:22).

But you say, "I took a man's life in cold blood." Yes, and you've done something worse than that; you've crucified the Son of God; your sin wove the crown of thorns and pressed it down on His brow; your sin fastened Him to the cross; your sin drove the spear into His side, and it was your sin that broke His heart. But I can hear the angels shouting down from Heaven, "It's all taken away." God says, "I will remember thine iniquity against thee no more forever" (Jer. 31:34).

He was manifested to take away sins. Oh, I wish I could paint a picture of Jesus on the cross that would break your heart and bring you to Him. The wonder to me is that the whole mob around the cross, instead of one poor penitent thief, didn't become a band of penitents and sob out their sorrow for the sins they had committed.

Christ Came to Reveal the Father

"O," I hear you say, "all this is too good to be true." Well, that is because you don't know God. And here comes the other purpose of the incarnation—He was manifested to reveal the Father, and so in John 14:9 Jesus says, "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

You have had an idea that God is a vindictive God, and that He delights in blood and likes to punish and takes pleasure in letting a man go to Hell. But you do not know God, that is all, if that is your idea of Him.

The only perfect revelation God ever made of Himself, He made in Jesus Christ, and if you will look at Him through Jesus Christ you will know what kind of God He is. "He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

The old hymn runs, "God is reconciled." But I don't like it. I took my concordance the other day and looked up the word

"reconciled," and I found many places where it talked about our being reconciled to God, but I could not find any place where it said God was reconciled to us. Jesus revealed God as a Father and as a Father He does not need to be reconciled. He is waiting for you to come and be reconciled to Him. The only place in the Bible where God is represented as running is in the story of the Prodigal Son, where the Father runs out to meet His penitent, returning child.

This story is told by a man whose name is Brown, an honored evangelist now in glory. He had conducted a meeting in one of the towns of Wisconsin. He went away and a little later he got a letter from an old man by the name of Stewart, telling him that his boy had left home saying he would come back, but he did not know just when. The letter stated: "Mr. Brown, you travel a good deal; if you ever see my boy tell him his father loves him and that his mother is dying to have him come home."

Two years later Mr. Brown went back to that town and the first man he saw when he stepped off the train was old Mr. Stewart. It was a cold, raw day and Mr. Brown said: "Why, Mr. Stewart, what are you doing here?" The old man replied, "My son." Said Mr. Brown, "Why, hasn't he come yet?" "No," answered the father, "but I'm sure he will and I've met every train since he went away."

After eleven years Mr. Brown went to the same town and as he stepped from the platform the first person he saw was old Mr. Stewart. His hair was white as snow; his brow was wrinkled and his form was bent. He said, "Good morning, Mr. Stewart."

But the old man had forgotten him, and he asked, "Who are you?"

Mr. Brown made himself known and asked him why he was there and the old man said, "I'm waiting for my boy."

"Why, hasn't he come yet?"

"No," said the old man, "we haven't heard anything, but I'm sure he's coming, and I thought he might be here this morning."

"Just then," said Mr. Brown, "I saw a stalwart young man coming down the steps of the car, and I said to myself, if I was not sure the boy was dead I would say that was the son." But the other eyes had seen him, too, and the old man started, dropped his cane, and ran as fast as his tottering limbs would let him, and in less time than I can tell it the boy was in his father's arms.

And the old white-haired man sobbed out: "O my son, thank God you have come!" Then turning to Mr. Brown, he said, "Mr. Brown, I would have waited until I died."

Something like that is God's love for you, and a yearning something like that is what God has in His heart for you. He has been waiting for some of you now thirty, forty, fifty, sixty years, and you haven't come yet. But if Christ was made flesh and dwelt among us for the reasons we have seen, and if God loves like a father and is a God like the God we know Him to be, I think if I were you I wouldn't keep Him waiting longer.

And yet you know there is a limit.

There is a time we know not when;
A place we know not where;
That marks the destiny of men
To glory or despair.

For someone, for you, God only knows, that time and that place may be now as you read this sermon.

Prodigal, Come Home to God!

Dr. Biederwolf is in Heaven. You have read his sermon. Now let the editor plead with you to decide today. God has been waiting for you to repent and trust Christ.

Jesus came to save sinners. He is God's own Son. His death proves God's love, His willingness to save you. Do not be foolish and stubborn in going on away from God! Come to the loving arms of God today.

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—Rev. J. Kenton Parker

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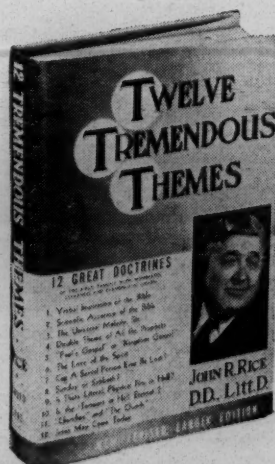
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